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Applicants

: Takashi Yamaguchi et al.

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

Applicants hereby request a three month extension of time in the above-identified case so as to extend the period for filing a Request For Continued Examination (RCE) to expire on September 15, 2003.

Applicants enclose herewith a check in the amount of \$1,810.00 to cover the fees for this extension of time, the RCE and the petition to suspend action.

If any additional fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

By

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Date: September 15, 2003

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: "Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313" on Sept. 15, 2003.

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